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**Sent:** 3/13/2017 11:54:14 AM  
**To:** Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Hot topics for 3/13 -- will bring you a hard copy ..thanks ng  
**Attachments:** DRAFT 3-8-2017 Daily Hot Topics (003).docx

Ryan, Here is the draft we put together for this morning.

Mike

*Mike Flynn*  
*Acting Deputy Administrator*  
*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*  
*202-564-4711*

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 7:19 AM  
**To:** Schnare, David <schnare.david@epa.gov>; Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>; Connors, Sandra <Connors.Sandra@epa.gov>  
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**Sent:** 3/13/2017 3:00:55 PM  
**To:** Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Brown, Byron [brown.byron@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Hot Issues Check-in  
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Hi Samantha,

Thanks for your note - happy to help you in anyway I can transition this process over to you. If it would be helpful, would be glad to meet and give you any background or thoughts on how this has worked so far – and certainly you may want to change some things so it works best for you and the Administrator. One thing we've really tried to emphasize during the transition with the program offices and regions has been the "no surprises" rule.

I've attached the draft of the paper we put together for this morning. We have typically kept this to one page so this one is a little longer than normal. Byron is included in the meeting invitation, which currently comes out of my office, but happy if you want to manage the scheduling out of OP.

Mike

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**Cc:** Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hot Issues Check-in

Mike,

Based upon our meeting this morning, the Administrator has directed that I will be responsible for serving as the point person for these meetings from now on and for the "hot topics" list. Please send me the latest template for the last meeting if you have that, otherwise I will get it from David.

Administrator Pruitt indicated that he wanted direction issued to the program offices and other key offices that they should submit timely topics he should know about through this meeting. In otherwords, "no surprises."

For the time being, I would like Byron to attend as well if his schedule allows it.

Best,  
Samantha

-----Original Appointment-----

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**To:** Schnare, David; Grantham, Nancy; Richardson, RobinH; Minoli, Kevin; Connors, Sandra; Benton, Donald; Konkus, John; Hull, George; Kenny, Shannon; Dravis, Samantha  
**Cc:** Inge, Carolyn

**Subject:** Hot Issues Check-in

**When:** Occurs every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday effective 3/13/2017 until 3/31/2017 from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** WJC-N 3415

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**Sent:** 3/29/2017 1:09:00 AM  
**To:** Reeder, John [Reeder.John@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Great Lakes Economic Forum - Detroit, Michigan, April 24-26, 2017  
**Attachments:** GLEF17 - Invitation - Administrator Pruitt.docx; ATT00001.htm

John, do you know if this is on the radar of the scheduling crew?

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**From:** Mark Fisher -Council of the Great Lakes Region <[mark@councilgreatlakesregion.org](mailto:mark@councilgreatlakesregion.org)>  
**Date:** March 28, 2017 at 3:51:57 PM EDT  
**To:** "Flynn, Mike" <[Flynn.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Flynn.Mike@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Great Lakes Economic Forum - Detroit, Michigan, April 24-26, 2017

Deputy Administrator Flynn:

I contacted Acting Chief of Staff John Reeder a few weeks ago with a letter inviting Administrator Pruitt to speak at the third Great Lakes Economic Forum in Detroit this April (25-26th).

I realize the Administrator's office is probably in a state of constant change at the moment, which is likely why I haven't heard from the Chief of Staff.

I hoping you might be able to direct me to the person or persons dealing with the Administrator's schedule/invitations.

Details about the event are outlined below.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Fisher

**Mark Fisher, President and CEO**

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**Subject: Great Lakes Economic Forum - Detroit, Michigan, April 24-26, 2017**  
**Date:** March 7, 2017 at 2:53:32 PM EST  
**To:** [Reeder.john@Epa.gov](mailto:Reeder.john@Epa.gov)

John -

The Honorable David Wilkins, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada under President George W. Bush and an honorary patron of the Council of the Great Lakes Region, recommended I reach out to you about the upcoming Great Lakes Economic Forum in Detroit this April and the letter attached which invites Administrator Pruitt to speak at the conference.

The Forum, launched in Chicago in 2015, brings government, business, academic and non-profit leaders together from both sides of the U.S - Canada border in the Great Lakes region to discuss the biggest economic, social, and environmental policy issues facing the region and how we can work together to create economic growth while improving the area's long-term sustainability.

As outlined in the invitation, in addition to addressing other EPA priorities, the Forum presents a unique opportunity for the Administrator to talk about the recent meeting between President Trump and Prime Minister Trudeau, and their shared commitment to protecting the Great Lakes as announced in their joint communique.

The Administrator's colleague from Canada, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has also been invited to attend and speak.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions.

I look forward to hearing from you or your scheduling team.

**Mark Fisher, President and CEO**

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
William Jefferson Clinton Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the board of directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and its honorary patrons, I would like to invite you to speak at the Council's third Great Lakes Economic Forum in Detroit, Michigan from April 24-26, 2017 at the Cobo Conference Center.

As you might be aware, the economy of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Region, encompassing two countries, eight states and two provinces, accounts for roughly 50 percent of the total value of cross-border trade between the United States and Canada. Moreover, with a GDP of USD\$5.8 trillion, if taken as a separate economic unit, the region would be the third largest economy in the world after the U.S. and China, supporting some 50 million jobs, or roughly a third of the combined American and Canadian workforce.

The watershed of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, a defining feature of much of this economic region, is comprised of a number of vital freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems to both countries and the world. The Great Lakes themselves hold about 18% of the world's and 84% of North America's surface freshwater species, supplying clean drinking water to over 40 million Americans and Canadians. In addition, estimates suggest that more than 3,500 species of plants and animals inhabit the Great Lakes basin, making it a unique and complicated ecosystem.

The annual Forum, launched in Chicago in 2015, brings together hundreds of business, government, non-profit and academic leaders from around the region to share ideas and insights on the biggest economic, social and environmental issues facing the region, as well as how we can work together to boost the region's competitive edge in a borderless global economy and ensure its long-term sustainability.

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Other leaders who have delivered keynote addresses at the Forum include the Governor General of Canada, the Governor of Illinois, the Premier of Ontario, the Mayor of Chicago, Canada's Ambassador to the U.S., the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Ontario's Minister of Economic Development and Growth, the U.S. Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the Assistant Secretary for Global Markets from U.S. Department of Commerce.

Setting up the U.S.-Canada relationship for success under President Trump and Prime Minister Trudeau following their bilateral meeting in Washington, D.C. on February 13 will be crucial in the first months of the new Administration, especially as it relates to protecting the waters of the Great Lakes, a priority identified by both leaders in their joint communiqué, through the bipartisan Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the U.S. and other binational agreements and organizations like the International Joint Commission and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Your participation, therefore, presents a unique opportunity for you to speak to these and other priorities of the EPA. Your colleague from Canada, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has also been invited to attend and speak.

I hope that you will be able attend this important event and help us create a stronger and more dynamic culture of collaboration in harnessing the region's economic strengths while enhancing the well-being of the region's citizens and protecting the environment for future generations.

If your staff would like to discuss the Forum and this invitation in greater detail, I can be reached at [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:mark@councilgreatlakesregion.org"](mailto:mark@councilgreatlakesregion.org) ] or 613-668-2044.

Yours Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

June 15, 2017

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Robert Z. Feldstein  
Suite 600 Columbia Center  
201 West Big Beaver Road  
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Mr. Feldstein:

Thank you for your recent correspondence. It is an honor and privilege to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is one of government's lifeblood priorities, and the EPA is vital to that mission. I look forward to working with the agency's dedicated employees, stakeholders and our state partners on a shared vision to protect our environment for future generations.

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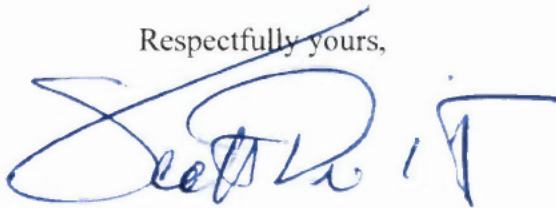
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On behalf of everyone at the EPA, I thank you for your interest in our work and your support for protecting the environment.

Respectfully yours,

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E. Scott Pruitt



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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February 1, 2018

OFFICE OF  
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Ms. Marissa Ebels  
10228 Deerfield Drive  
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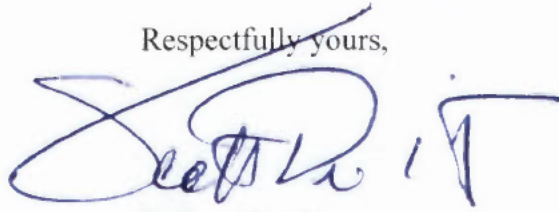
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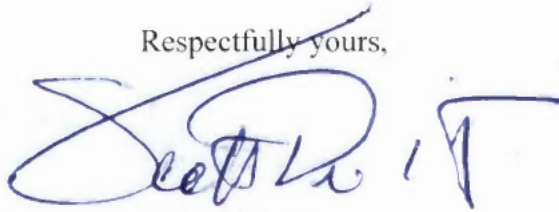
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